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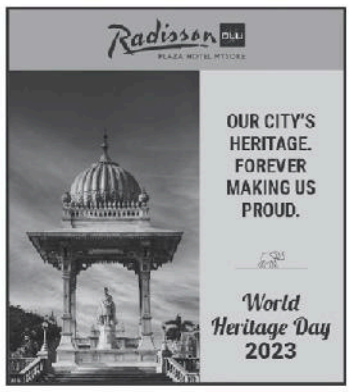

Huge tree crashes on cars along Harsha Road

One person has miraculous escape; 4 cars, a scooter smashed

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (RK&BCT)- A huge Gulmohar tree (May-flower tree) fell across Sri Harsha Road this morning, crushing four cars and a scooter. The tree also brought down a few electric poles, snapping power, TV and internet cables. Fortunately, the tree fell at 7 am when there were only a few people moving about on the busy road. A little after 9 am, the incident could have triggered more damages to lives. The video and photos of the crushed cars have gone viral.

The tree was located inside Dr. Rajkumar Park and it came crashing onto the road opposite the City Cooperative Bank. The impact was such that the iron railing fencing of the park by the road was crushed along with the four cars and a scooter parked by the side of the road.

(See TREE on page 6)

Paramahamsa Road in Yadavagiri closed for laying water pipeline

Works will be completed in 15 days, says KUWS&DB Engineer

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (RK&KS)- Following the works undertaken by Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board (KUWS&DB), Paramahamsa Road in Yadavagiri has been dug up to lay one main supply and three distribution pipelines and the road has been closed for traffic till the works are completed.

According to KUWS&DB Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Asif, three pipelines — one big pipeline to supply water to the reservoir at Yadavagiri and two small pipelines to distribute water to Yadavagiri, Paduvarahalli and surrounding areas from the reservoir — are being laid and hence a trench has been dug up on Paramahamsa Road from the Yadavagiri Reservoir to connect it to the main pipeline on KRS Road.

(See WATER PIPELINE on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 18th April 2023

700 RT-PCR tests targeted daily in Mysuru district

Tests will be done at K.R. Hospital, District Hospital and all Taluk Hospitals

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (RK&KS)- With COVID-19 positive cases gradually increasing in the State, the Health Department has issued directions to conduct RT-PCR tests across the district.

As the District Administration has given a target to conduct 700 COVID-19 tests daily, RT-PCR tests are being conducted at city's K.R. Hospital, District Hospital and all Taluk Hospitals, said District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad.

The DHO further said that patients with symptoms of cold, fever, cough and respiratory problems who come to hospitals are being made to undergo RT-PCR test and from Jan. 1, 2023 till Apr. 15, there are a total of 65 COVID-19 positive cases.

Of the 65 positive cases, seven persons are undergoing treatment at various Government Hospitals, four are being treated at private hospitals and 54 people are under house quarantine, the DHO added besides stating that there is 10.7 percent positive rate and the number of patients being discharged is more.

Stating that RT-PCR tests are being done only to those coming to hospitals, the DHO said that the tests are not being conducted to the public.

As the Health Department is taking all necessary precautionary steps to keep COVID-19 at bay, there are no serious cases, DHO Dr. Prasad said and added that Oxygen Beds, ICUs, medicines and medical equipment have been readied at K.R. Hospital, District Hospital and Taluk Hospitals.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Call it quirky incertitude or destiny's queer operations. Sometimes, in life, some small things snowball into spine-chilling situations. This I realised in a recent incident in the life of Roopa, a real good friend, who works as a relationship manager for a top-notch matrimonial site. Roopa's profound sincerity, her phenomenal calm, paramount patience and her un-petering gusto/alacrity to work, have always puzzled me. On daily basis, she ought to deal with dozens of clients, including those with dollops of deadly finicky-ness. Yet she possesses an incredibly pleasing disposition.

Few weeks ago, her teen son, Aarith, while on a whirlwind fun-jaunt to Kerala, was having a whale of time with his friends, wading through river waters. An insect bite, which he ignored initially, began manifesting as a festering wound, followed by a raging fever, by the time he was home. Since Roopa's spouse was away, she had to single-handedly rush her son to a super-speciality hospital. By then, the awful wound had attained an alarmingly exacerbated state.

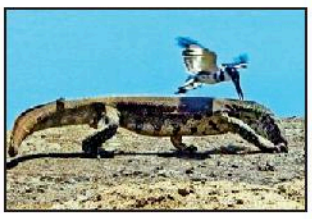
After two major surgeries, along with skin-grafting, now Roopa's son is on the road to recovery and in good health. The way a soft-spoken person, like her, had turned so spunky, by summoning all spirits/strength, is simply an enigma. For harrowing hours, like a ferocious tigress, Roopa had sat near ICU, feistily guarding her child. Just two years ago, her young daughter, Diya, had encountered similar petrifying mishap, while playing with a pigeon, perched on a cable wire. The steel broom, she was wielding, to shoo away the winged creature, had unwittingly contacted a high-voltage live wire.

The girl, after multiple surgeries, somehow managed to have a miraculous heal. I was swamped by awe, to see Roopa's sublime work ethics, as she got back to work, just within days post these disasters, with same vim 'n verve. So much like resplendent diamond, that keeps radiantly glittering, regardless of the place/position it is in.

— Meera Seshadri in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Kingfisher dive bombs monitor lizard



Cape Town: A hungry monitor lizard attempts to raid the nest of a breeding pair of kingfishers, but the kingfisher dive bombs the monitor lizard forcing it to swim off.

The incredible footage was captured and shared on social media by Mark Fox - Foxy On Safari.

"The lizard was making its way to get to the nest. The Pied Kingfishers were not far off when they noticed the threat approaching. They immediately made their way over to the lizard," Mark stated.

"The pair of birds began dive-bombing the lizard in an effort to chase it off. Every time the lizard made progress, the birds would come down, forcing it to change direction," he added.

In the end, the birds defeated the lizard and it retreated to the Crocodile River. Perhaps in search of an easier meal to satiate its belly."

Rider performs stunts 2,000 feet in air

Wiltshire: A BMX rider has performed tricks on a floating skatepark more than 2,000 ft (610 metres) above the ground.

Kriss Kyle, 31, described it as a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity".

The British rider completed the world-first stunt, called 'Don't Look Down,' when he rode around a custom-made bowl suspended by a hot air balloon.

The balloon set off from Charlton Park Estate in Wiltshire and flew about 30 miles over the Cotswolds before touching down.

Kyle performed several highly technical BMX tricks in the short time window in February, and achieved the feat while wearing a parachute and contending with a constantly swinging bowl.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Should not exercise during pregnancy

Reality: Unless told by your Gynec, daily 30 min moderate exercise is advised in pregnancy

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynecology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

JSS Medical College to host Graduation Day tomorrow

JSS Medical College Principal Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa seen addressing a press meet in city yesterday as** (from left) **JSS Medical College Vice-Principal Dr. Mahantappa, Examination Controller Dr. Sudhindra Bhat, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research Registrar Dr. B. Manjunatha, JSS Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. C.P. Madhu and JSS Medical College Vice-Principal (Pre-Clinical) Dr. M.N. Suma look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (PM&SSM)- The Graduation Day of JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, will be held at JSS Medical Institutions Campus in Sri Shivarathreeshwara Nagar on Apr. 19 at 4.30 pm.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, JSS Medical College Principal Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa said that NIMHANS, Bengaluru, Director Dr. Pratima Murthy will be the chief guest and give away the awards and medals to the meritorious students. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath will preside. JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh will be the guests of honour.

On the occasion, 205 students will receive their MBBS Degree out of which 123 are girl students and 82 boys. 11 meritorious students will receive gold medals and 12 cash prizes.

On the occasion, teaching faculty will be honoured with 'Best Teachers Award', 'Research Excellence Award' for highest number of publications and highest number of citation and prestigious 'Professor Y.T. Thathachari Endowment Prize' for the 'Best Research Publication.' Dr. Chaitali will be presented the 'Best Outgoing Student Award.'

REALLY...?

- ***Fruit-flavoured snacks shine because of car wax. The same wax that is used on cars, carnauba wax, is the same type of wax that is used to give gummy candy a glossy sheen.***
- ***Back in the early 1800s, people thought tomatoes had medicinal qualities. One doctor claimed they could treat diarrhoea and indigestion, so he made a recipe for a type of tomato ketchup which then became a pill.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Applicants for a job on a dam had to take a written examination, the first question of which was, 'What does hydrodynamics mean?'
Mulla Nasrudin, one of the applicants for the job, looked at this, then wrote against it:
IT MEANS I
DON'T GET JOB!

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.08
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.63
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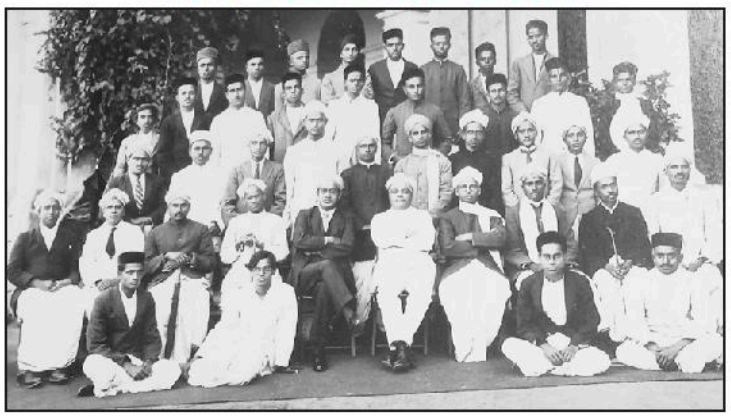
VOICE OF THE READER

More on T.S. Venkannayya and H. Ramanna



A picture of Karnataka Sangha taken on 22.2.1928. My father H. Ramanna can be seen standing 3rd from left in second row from top. *Sitting on chair from left:* ***M.H. Krishna Iyengar, S.A. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, M. Venkatesha Iyengar, C. Narasimhaiah, N.S. Subba Rao, B.M. Srikantaiah, D.V. Gundappa, A.R. Krishnasastry, Saali Ramachandra Rao and T.S Venkannayya.***

Sir,

This refers to the three-part write-up on T.S. Venkannayya under the column *'Mysore Memories'* by Dr. Bhagirath S. Naganath *(Star of Mysore* dated Apr.14, 15 and 16).

It brought about in sharp focus the many splendored personality of late Venkannayya that captures the life and times of this physical and intellectual giant who left a lasting legacy of a bygone era.

Star of Mysore has done a yeoman service to the citizens of Mysuru to know the greatness of the personality of Venkannayya. He captivated and amazed many of his colleagues and shaped the life of students who in turn achieved great name and fame.

My attention was drawn in the first part of the article where a reference is made to DVG's poem 'Vanasuma' which was among Venkannayya's favourite and he persuaded A.R. Krishnasastry to adopt it as the prayer song of the Karnataka Sangha.

It was my father H. Ramanna, who set Athaana tune and he was singing this song as an invocation song in all the functions in Maharaja's College. That is how he became very famous as 'Athaana Ramanna.' He was the favourite Shishya of B.M. Srikantaiah and he has set the tune for all the songs of English Geethegalu by BMSri. Prof. J.C. Rollo called my father as 'Silver Tongued Ramanna.'

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
17.4.2023

Corrections and Clarifications

It's Kuvempu and Masti

In the second part of the article under *'Mysore Memories'* titled ***"T.S. Venkannayya: The Big Brother of Kannada Literary Pantheon"*** published in *Star of Mysore* dated Apr. 15, the sub-heading may please be read as **'Kuvempu and Masti Venkatesha Iyengar'** and not as 'Kuvempu and P.T. Narasimhachar.' The error is regretted.—**Ed**

Three drivers rewarded for accident-free record

Two 'Heroes on the Road' from Mysuru, one from Bengaluru to receive Award in New Delhi today

Eajaz Ahmed Shariff *Ishaq Shariff* *Lakshmana*

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (SPN&BCT)- Three drivers of State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) from Karnataka have won the 'Heroes on the Road' awards for accident-free driving.

Ishaq Shariff and Eajaz Ahmed Shariff, both from the KSRTC's Mysuru division, have the distinction of not being involved in even a single accident in their 33-year service each.

Likewise, Lakshmana Reddy, a BMTC driver from the East Division, also maintained an impeccable accident-free record during 35 years of service.

Each of these drivers has won silver and gold medals for accident-free driving. Eajaz Ahmed Shariff is presently serving the Transport Corporation in Hunsur Depot and has won silver and gold medals from the KSRTC for accident-free driving.

Ishaq Shariff too is serving the KSRTC at Sathagalli depot of Mysuru and Lakshmana Reddy works at BMTC East Division-41. They will be presented with the awards at a ceremony in New Delhi today, Apr. 18.

The KSRTC has introduced a reward system for drivers, which includes gold medals and cash awards for bus drivers with an accident-free track record. More recently, a bus conductors' category was added to the awards scheme to encourage the crew to ensure safe rides.

Before being inducted as drivers, they also undergo in-service training and take part in orientation sessions.

Most of the time, drivers are engaged in a competition. They want to overtake one another and thus end up driving rashly. The commuters have to bear the brunt. Often they are scared, as the rash driving may end up in accidents.

The award will certainly have a motivational impact on the drivers for improving their performance, officers said.

Autism Awareness Day held at Aashianaa Special School

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Autism Awareness Day was observed at Aashianaa, a School for Special Children in city recently. Students and staff of Sahara School also participated in the event titled "Aashayein 2023."

Various cultural events like fancy dress, singing and solo dance were conducted for children.

Talk on Autism awareness was given to educate parents.

At Aashianaa School, children with special needs are provided a suitable environment for developing their educational and social skills. They are given tasks to enhance their mental growth and taught to become independent.

The School provides free services to children diagnosed with Autism/ Intellectual Disability/ Cerebral Palsy/Down Syndrome and delayed Development.

Trustees of Aashianaa School Masuma Vagh, Siraj Asgarali, D. Vishwanath, S. Loknath, volunteer Zubeda Vagh, Irfana Husen, Managing Director of Sahara Special School and Khadeer Khan, also from Sahara School, Judges of the cultural event, Hema Malini Devi and Rashmi Jay, staff and students of both the Schools were present on the occasion.

KSOU exam fee deadline

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (SSM)- The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has issued notification for online payment of exam fee for repeaters of Under-Graduate degree and Post-Graduate degree students who gained admission between 2018-19 and 2021-22 (July and June) and 2022-23 (July) and PG students of May/ June 2023 cycle semester.

The last date for payment of fee without penalty is Apr. 24 and with a penalty of Rs. 200 is May 3, 2023.

For details, visit the Open University website: *www.ksoumysuru.ac.in* or call Mob: 88003-35638, according to a press release.

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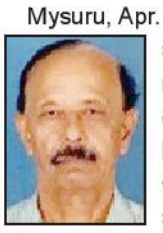
Obituary

Prof. Shivarame Gowda

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Prof. Shivarame Gowda (74), retired Professor of Economics, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.



He leaves behind his wife Yashoda, daughters Sindhu and Sushma, son-in-law Pradeep, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Jayanagar Burial Grounds this afternoon.

C.S. Anandalakshmi

C.S. Anandalakshmi (85), former headmistress of CFTRI School and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday night at her residence. Wife of late V.T. Doreswamy, former Professor at Regional College of Education, Mysuru, she leaves behind sons Madhusudhan and Manmohan and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Vijayanagar this morning, according to family sources.

P. Papanayaka

P. Papanayaka (46), a newspaper distributor at Saraswathipuram and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his mother, brothers, wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

Mysuru City newspaper Distributors Association has condoled the death of Papanayaka.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up 1st quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Bannur Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply from 10 am to 5 pm tomorrow (Apr. 19) in the following areas: Bannur Town, Kodagalli, Bisihalli, Hegguru, Attalli, Ketupura, Rangasamudra village and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, Nanjangud Division.

Mass Upanayana

Sri Saptarshi Vaidika Gurukula Seva Ashram, Mysuru, has organised mass upanayana for Trimatasthas on Apr. 26 at its premises on KRS Road, Sadhanahalli, beside Varuna Canal, Mysuru. Vidu. Dr. Chithra Bilagiri and troupe will present a Bharatanatyam recital during the Upanayana and prior to Upanayana, Go Puja will be held. On Apr. 25, Udaka Shanti will be performed in the evening. Dr. Abinava Ranga Ramanujaacharya Jeeyar Swamiji will grace the occasion. For details, contact Mob: 89045-79165 or 94484-34111, according to a press release.

Sri Mata Durga Parameshwari Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a mass upanayana for Trimatastha Brahmana Vatus on May 7 as part of Sri Shankara Jayanthi. Sringeri's Sri Shankara Mutt, Abhibanava Shankaralaya Dharmadhikari H. Ramachandra will preside over the event. Those who wish to take part in the programme may register their names before Apr. 30, according to a press release from Trust President K. Parthanarayana.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	93.15 feet
Yesterday	:	93.46 feet
Inflow	:	304 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,912 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,255.31 feet
Inflow	:	56 cusecs
Outflow	:	500 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,821.17 feet
Inflow	:	15 cusecs
Outflow	:	65 cusecs

'Happy over ticket given to common worker like me'

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa is upbeat over getting BJP ticket from KR Constituency; Confident of getting sitting MLA S.A. Ramdas and strong aspirant H.V. Rajeev's support

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (SBD&BS)- City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa has expressed happiness that the party has announced ticket for a common worker like him to contest the election from Krishnaraja (KR) Assembly Constituency, considering his service to the party by handling various responsibilities in a concerted manner.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* at the party office in the city last evening, after his name was announced as the candidate, amid stiff competition, Srivatsa recalled his tryst with the party.

"I started as the General Secretary of Agrahara Ward in the year 1988 and three decades later I am working as the City BJP President. Barring the organisational works of the party, I didn't have another big expectations. However, considering the opinions of the party workers, Central and State leadership, a common worker like me has been bestowed with this position (MLA candidate). I don't know how to express my happiness," explained Srivatsa.

"The decision of considering new face has also increased the faith among workers. Since last 34 years, I have handled various responsibilities in the party and have confidence that I have also capably shouldered the task entrusted by the party. The leaders may have even taken into notice, the service rendered for general public, by involving party workers during COVID-19 pandemic. There were instructions that the District Presidents should not create confusion by hankering for ticket in those Constituencies where the party has sitting MLAs. The decision in this regard will be taken by State and Central leadership. Hence, I didn't have much hope. However, after making known their opinions, the party workers had told me to have suggested mine. Now, the party workers opinion has been considered," said Srivatsa.

City BJP President and party candidate from KR Constituency T.S. Srivatsa** (centre) **being greeted by MP Pratap Simha as BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra looks on.

During every elections, it was common to see two to three ticket aspirants. As a four-time MLA S.A. Ramdas has performed well and through Modi Yugotsav, he had initiated many public works. Even H.V. Rajeev has did well as the Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). We three have worked together since 1994 elections and share a better equation, without any enmity. I will speak to both the senior leaders at their house. Ramdas believes the party as Mother. So I believe that both (Ramdas and Rajeev) won't go against the decision of the party. I strongly believe that I will get the cooperation and support of both the leaders.

—T.S. Srivatsa, BJP candidate, Krishnaraja Constituency

Born on Nov. 3, 1966 to T.N. Srinivasa Tatachar and Rangalakshmi couple of Talakad, T. Narasipur taluk in Mysuru district, T.S. Srivatsa, a bachelor, is the youngest among nine children. A B.Com graduate, he is also into agarbathi packaging industry and resides on second cross, Ramanuja Road, in city.

Starting as BJP Agrahara Ward General Secretary in the year 1988, Srivatsa has served as Ward President, General Secretary and President of Krishnaraja Assembly Constituency, General Secretary, General Secretary (Organisation) of Mysuru District Unit, General Secretary (Organisation) of Mysuru Division and State Executive Member. He (Srivatsa) is serving as the City BJP President since January 2020.

Reacting to the general impression that he (Srivatsa) has got the ticket due to the influence of B.L. Santosh, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation), Srivatsa who denied any such possibilities, said: "State BJP President Nalin Kumar Kateel may have also recommended my name. When B.S. Yediyurappa was the State President, I was nominated to State Executive and was also made in-charge of Mandya district. Hence, all leaders may have recommended my name."

"The ticket is announced a day ago and still two days are left to file nomination papers. I will discuss with the senior leaders and get confirmation about whoever State leaders will take part in the filing of nomination. KR Assembly Constituency is a BJP stronghold. Even during Jan Sangh days, H. Gangadharan had won twice and later S.A. Ramdas has won for four times. It is naturally believed that the voters will support BJP," said Srivatsa.

The good works of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and team management during COVID crisis, will make it easy to seek the blessings of the voters, opined Srivatsa.

Congratulations

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra, Mayor Shivakumar, Mysuru City and District Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash and several other Vipra community leaders and workers congratulated Srivatsa at the party's office.

The jubilant supporters of Srivatsa also celebrated the moment by raising victory slogans.

Meanwhile, Srivatsa, along with BJP Leaders Rajendra, B. Siddaraju and others, called on former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at his residence in Bengaluru this morning.

'Ramdas will ensure Srivatsa's victory'

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (SPN&BS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has exuded confidence that 'though disappointed, MLA S.A. Ramdas, who is the senior BJP leader of Mysuru region, will welcome the party's decision and take a lead in ensuring the victory of BJP candidate T.S. Srivatsa in Krishnaraja Assembly Constituency.'

Speaking after congratulating Srivatsa at the party office last evening, Simha said: "Ramdas is a BJP strongman who equates the party with his mother. The party had earlier given ticket to elder son (Ramdas) and now to younger son (Srivatsa). Another ticket aspirant H.V. Rajeev was even made MUDA Chairman considering his service to the party and hence he is not cornered within the organisation. He will also welcome the party's decision and campaign for Srivatsa."

Ramdas to decide his next step today

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (MK&BS)- Following the denial of ticket, BJP Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas has said: "I was in mother's house (BJP) for the last 30 years. Now, I have been driven out from my mother's house. Hence, I will decide whether to stay in my mother's house or not, after discussing with the party workers today."

Ramdas

Speaking to media persons at his home-office in Vidyaranyapuram in city, after holding a meeting of his supporters and party workers for over an hour, Ramdas said: "I will decide only after discussing with all my party workers. The opinion of party workers who have worked for me also counts. Hence, I am also open and won't meet anybody till a decision is taken on the next course of action."

Refuses to meet

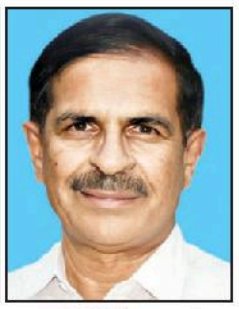
Even though BJP candidate T.S. Srivatsa, along with Mysuru- Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra, party observer Rajiv Babbar and former Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL) Chairman M.V. Ravishankar, was waiting for Ramdas at his home office, Ramdas though noticed their presence, chose to ignore them and hurriedly exited, after speaking to media persons.

Hence, Srivatsa and others had to return empty handed, even after waiting for half-an-hour.

Local flavour in Chamaraja with native leaders battling it out

L. Nagendra

K. Harish Gowda


H.K. Ramesh

Mysuru, Apr.18 (SBD&DM)- The Chamaraja Constituency has become a battleground for leaders hailing from K.G. Koppal (Kannegowdana Koppal), one of the most densely populated areas of the city, with candidates from all three major parties — BJP, Congress, and JD(S) — being natives of the locality.

The sitting MLA and BJP candidate L. Nagendra, Congress candidate K. Harish Gowda and JD(S) candidate H.K. Ramesh were all raised in K.G. Koppal, also known as the locality of Pailwans (wrestlers). Nagendra and Harish Gowda spent their childhood at K.G. Koppal's wrestling centres, while the grandmother's residence of JD(S) candidate Ramesh is situated in the area.

The residents of K.G. Koppal, one of the oldest localities in the city, are pleased that all three major party candidates come from their locality. While the battle for the Chamaraja seat is primarily between these three candidates, locals take pride in the fact that whichever candidate wins, they will be from their area.

They believe that only one of these three candidates has a real chance of winning the Constituency, with little opportunity for candidates from other parties or independent candidates in the running.

Located in the heart of the city, K.G. Koppal combines both urban and rural characteristics, making it a semi-urban village. Although it has an urban outlook, the area still retains its rural roots, with activities such as milk production, dairying, wrestling and performances of mythological plays being prevalent. The locality continues to celebrate traditional festivals like Goddess Chamundeshwari Ammanavaru and Gramadevathe (village deity) with great enthusiasm.

Looking back at the history of candidates who have contested from Chamaraja, the Constituency has been represented in the past by notable personalities such as K. Puttaswamy, B.N. Kengegowda, H. Kempegowda, K. Kempeeregowda, P.M. Chikkaboraiah, K. Harshakumargowda, H.S. Shankaralingegowda, Vasu, and now Nagendra.

Shankaralingegowda holds the record for representing the Constituency for four consecutive terms as a BJP MLA. While BJP candidate Nagendra and Congress candidate Harish Gowda do not come from a political family background, JD(S) candidate Ramesh, who is the eldest of the three candidates, is the son of the late H. Kempegowda, a former MLA who won from the Constituency on a Janata Party ticket in 1983.

As the political battle heats up for the May 10 Assembly polls, it remains to be seen which of the three prominent candidates from K.G. Koppal will win the Chamaraja seat, which also features candidates from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), SUCI, KRS, BSP, and other parties.

Varuna to be Taluk centre if voted to power: CM Bommai

Nanjangud, Apr.18- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has promised that Varuna will be declared as a Taluk centre if the BJP is voted to power again.

Addressing a BJP poll rally near Golur circle on Nanjangud-Chamarajanagar road yesterday, Bommai said that Varuna Constituency has been hitting national headlines after the BJP fielded Housing Minister V. Somanna to take on Congress candidate and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah in his (Siddu) home turf. Alleging that there has been no development works in Varuna, which has been represented by the Congress ever since 2008 when the Constituency was formed. "Had I knew earlier I would have announced Varuna as a taluk centre before coming to Mysuru," said CM.

Asserting that Somanna is fondly called as 'Victory' Somanna as he is known to win many a political battle, Bommai said Somanna's win in Varuna would throw open a flurry of developmental works and activities in the Constituency.

Accusing the Congress Government of rampant corruption when it was in power, Bommai rubbished Congress allegations of 40 percent Commission Government as utterly baseless. He appealed the voters to create a history of sorts by ensuring an emphatic win for BJP candidate V. Somanna.

Minister V.Somanna in his address, said he was the not the person who would run away from electoral battles. Stating that he believes that it is the desire of the almighty that made him to contest from Varuna, Somanna said that the people of Varuna who have elected the Congress candidate for three successive terms, should give him a chance now to see the real difference in terms of development and welfare.

MPs V. Sreenivas Prasad and Pratap Simha, former Minister Kote M.Shivanna, MLC Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, former MLC Siddaraju, District BJP President Mangala Somashekar, party leaders B.N. Sadananda, Pratap, former MLC Prof. K.R. Mallikarjunappa, K.P.Siddalingaswamy, S. Mahadevaiah, N.R.Krishnappa Gowda, K.P. Siddaveerappa, L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Vijaykumar, Sharath Puttabuddhi, Manjunath, Subbanna, Guruswamy, Prafulla Malladi and others were present.

51 candidates file nomination papers in Mysuru District

40 nominations filed on Monday alone

Mysuru, Apr.18 (RK&DM)- With just three days to go for the deadline for filing of nomination papers (Apr.20), a total of 51 candidates have filed their nomination papers in the district as on Monday for the May 10 Assembly polls, with the maximum number of nomination papers (40) filed yesterday.

The deadline for filing of nomination papers, which began on Apr.13 soon after the Election Commission issued the Poll Notification, is Apr. 20.

Yesterday, the district saw filing of as many as 40 nomination papers from candidates belonging to different parties for the 11 Assembly segments of the district.

Those who filed their nomination papers yesterday, which was considered an auspicious day, included Housing Minister V. Somanna from Varuna Constituency, which also saw filing of nominations by Samajwadi Janata Party (Karnataka) candidate K. Nagesh Nayaka, Gurulingaiah of New Indian Congress and Arun Linga of Kannada Desha Party.

Minister Somanna presented his nomination papers from Varuna in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Somanna would file his nomination papers from his second seat — Chamarajanagar — tomorrow (Apr.19).

NR Constituency: The candidates who filed their nomination papers on Monday were S. Satish (Sandesh Swamy) of BJP, V. Giridhar (BJP rebel) as independent candidate and Vinod M. Chacko of Republican Party of India (Karnataka).

K.R. Constituency: M.K. Somashekar of Congress, A.S. Satish of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and M. Lingaraju of Indian Movement Party.

Chamaraja: L. Nagendra of BJP, D.P.K. Ramesh of Karnataka Rashtra Samiti (KRS) and M. Panchalingu of Country Citizen Party.

Chamundeshwari: G.T. Devegowda of JD(S), Mavinahalli Siddegowda of Congress, Mehul J. Patel of Samajwadi Janata Party (Karnataka), S. Harish of Uttama Prajaakeeya Party, Kiran Nagesh Kalyani of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and B. Prakash as independent candidate.

The other prominent candidates who filed their nomination papers yesterday included JD(S) candidate M. Ashwin Kumar, BJP candidate Dr. M. Revanna and AAP candidate Sosale M. Siddaraju in T. Narasipur, Darshan Dhruvanarayan of Congress in Nanjangud, Anil Chikkamadu of Congress and C. Jayaprakash of JD(S) in H.D. Kote, D. Ravishankar of Congress and Hosahalli T. Venkatesh of BJP in K.R.Nagar, K. Venkatesh of Congress and Rajashekar Doddanna of AAP in Periyapatna and H.P. Manjunath of Congress, Thimmabhovi of KRS party and P.S. Yediyurappa, Beeresh and Umesh as Independent candidates in Hunsur.

The filing of nomination papers will go on till Apr. 20, following which the scrutiny of nomination papers will take place on Apr. 21.

Despite Shettar and Savadi's exit, BJP will increase stake in North K'taka: CM Bommai

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (UNI) - Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said the BJP is going to increase its stake in North Karnataka, despite the exit of senior leaders Jagadish Shettar and Laxman Savadi.

"Mark my words. Nothing is going to change. We are going to increase our stake in North Karnataka and we will come back with a thumping majority," Bommai told reporters here.

He wondered why the Congress is concerned about Lingayats who have been ill-treated for the last 50 years. "They (Congress) have ill-treated former CM late Veerendra Patil and Rajashekar Patil. They also ill-treated former CMs S. Bangarappa and D. Devaraj Urs. People are aware of their use and throw politics. Congress has not only neglected Lingayats for 50 years, but also neglected Vokkaligas and Backward Castes," he told reporters.

These remarks came in the light of AICC General Secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala's comments that "BJP is doing injustice to Lingayats and other communities too including Vokkaligas. BJP is doing injustice to Lingayat community with bad intentions. They are also insulting Lingayat leaders and cheating on them. The Bommai Government also cheated SC, ST and OBCs. The same fraud was committed in the Vokkaliga community."

Reacting to it, Minister C.C. Patil said Lingayats do not need the sympathy of the Congress as it had been neglecting the community for a long time.

"After former CM Jagadish Shettar's issue, all of a sudden the Congress is expressing sympathy for Lingayats. Yediyurappa, Bommai and V. Sommana, belong to which community? I belong to which community?" asked Patil also a Lingayat.

Kaveesh Gowda and B. Harshavardhan of BJP, K.V. Mallesh of JD(S) file papers after mega road shows

Mysuru, Apr.18 (RK&DM)- The nomination-spree, which gained momentum yesterday, continued today as well with candidates representing different parties filing their papers in the city and district.

Chamundeshwari BJP candidate V. Kaveesh Gowda presented his nomination papers to Assistant Commissioner B. Kamala Bai, who is the Returning Officer (RO) for Chamundeshwari Constituency at the Taluk Office in Nazarbad this morning.

Earlier, Kaveesh Gowda, son of former Congress MLA Vasu, held a mega road show starting from Old Bogadi bus stand. Kaveesh Gowda stood in an open vehicle, along with Mayor Shivakumar, party leaders Arun Kumar Gowda, Hemanth Kumar Gowda, M.V. Ravishankar, Gopal Rao, M.D. Raghu and others, waving at the crowds all along the route as the procession passed through the main thoroughfares of the city before reaching the Taluk Office.

Prior to the start of the procession, Kaveesh, accompanied by local BJP leaders, offered prayers at the Ganapathy temple in Bogadi.

During the filing of nomination papers, Kaveesh was accompanied by his wife Dr. Pragya, Mayor Shivakumar, BJP leaders B.M. Raghu and Gejjagalli Mahesh.

JD(S) candidate K.V. Mallesh

JD(S) candidate for K.R. Constituency, K.V. Mallesh filed his nomination papers at the MCC Main Office on Sayyaji Rao road this morning.

Earlier, Mallesh, after performing Puja at 101 Ganapathy temple in Agrahara, marched in a rally to the MCC Office, in which MLC C.N. Manjegowda, several JD(S) Corporators and scores of party workers took part.

Mallesh submitted his papers to RO P. Ravikumar, CESC General Manager at Room No.20 of MCC Office. Mallesh is a former Corporator and had unsuccessfully contested from K.R. Constituency on a JD(S) ticket in the 2018 Assembly polls.

At Nanjangud

BJP candidate for Nanjangud (SC) Assembly segment B. Harshavardhan, who is the sitting MLA, presented his nomination papers to RO K.H. Krishnamurthy, Deputy Secretary, Mysuru ZP, at the Taluk Office in Nanjangud town this noon.

Harshavardhan was accompanied by Nanjangud Town BJP President Srinivas Reddy and party leaders Kumbrahalli Subbanna, Balaraj and Horalawadi Mahesh.

Before filing papers, Harshavardhan also took out a mammoth procession from Chintamani Ganapathy temple near Hullahalli Circle on Gundlupet road to the Taluk Office in Mini Vidhana Soudha of Nanjangud town.

Harshavardhan is the son-in-law of Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and grandson of former Minister late B. Basavalingappa.

Water Pipeline

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When the AEE was apprised of the problems being faced by motorists coming from Vontikoppal Temple side and from Joy Ice Cream factory side, as there are no road diversion sign boards, the AEE said that boards had been put up cautioning motorists but the public had removed the boards.

He also said that the Police Department was requested to deploy Traffic Police personnel at the beginning of the road to divert motorists, but the request was turned down due to shortage of Policemen, most of whom are on election duty.

He said the works would be completed in 15 days and the road open for vehicular traffic.

Huge tree crashes on cars along Harsha Road

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The cars that were crushed were MEZ-5932 (Ambassador), KA-09-D-7198 (Alto), MEY-4444 (Ambassador) and TN-15-C-9275 (Swift). The registration number of the scooter could not be established as it was towed away by the owner soon after the crash.

Manju, a resident of Vijayanagar, who was inside one of the cars, had a providential escape as he was unhurt despite the tree trunk falling on his vehicle. Except for Manju, no other vehicle had people when the incident occurred.

According to the shopkeepers in the area, the tree's base was eaten by termites and a major part of the trunk was hollow. Its roots too had grown weak and it could not withstand the gravitational force, they added.

"This is a main road and in November 2021 too, a huge tree fell, crushing three cars and five bikes. The Dr. Rajkumar Park has many such Gulmohar and other weak trees and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Forest Department must do a regular audit of the condition of the trees and take action to cut down hollow trees," a hotelier on the road told *Star of Mysore*.

Soon after the tree fell, the MCC Abhaya-2 team rushed to the spot and began clearing the tree. Traffic on the road was blocked for smooth operation. The Abhaya team was led by Shivu and had Indra, Anand and Mahesh in the team. They were seen cutting the branches into smaller ones with mechanical saws.

Even personnel from the Forest Department and Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation arrived at the spot to assist in the clearance operation.

Close shave for graphic designer

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (RK&BCT)- A city-based graphic designer miraculously escaped the tree fall on the Sri Harsha Road this morning. He was inside the car when the tree came crashing.

According to eyewitness, Manju, a resident of Vijayanagar, had come to the Sri Harsha Road in his car KA-09-D-7198 and the tree fell just when he parked the vehicle on the road.

"I had come to meet a client on the road to finalise the designs of my graphics he had asked me to design. As the client was to arrive a bit late, I decided to park the car on Sri Harsha Road to have tea," Manju told the crowd as he got out of the mangled car.

Manju told the crowd that as the vehicle ignition was on and he was preparing to get down when he heard the loud sound. "I was shocked to see the roof of my car caving in and I took some seconds to realise what was happening. I could fortunately open the door and get out," Manju said.

The owner of the Swift car TN-15-C-9275 had parked his vehicle and was standing at a distance when the incident occurred.

For sexual minorities, there are many barriers to break

Social taboo, ostracism keep most of them away from actively participating in election process

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Despite the push for equality for sexual minorities in the society, many still hesitate to fully engage with society, as evidenced by their reluctance to participate in the biggest democratic exercise — elections. While Indians recognise sexual minorities as a part of their society, they have not been completely main-streamed yet.

In 2014, the Election Commission made history by categorising sexual minorities as the 'third gender' following a landmark Supreme Court ruling. While the Apex Court's decision affirmed that transgender individuals would be granted the same fundamental rights under the Constitution as everyone else, the reality is that their participation in elections remains low.

To increase the poll percentage in the upcoming May 10 Assembly polls, the District Administration has launched various programmes and measures. As part of this effort, authorities recently held a meeting with transgender community leaders to sensitise them on the importance of voting.

Under the theme of "No voter will be left out," the District Administration has taken steps to ensure that sexual minorities are included in the electoral rolls, including making any necessary corrections. They have also created a special category for sexual minorities in the electoral rolls.

An estimated 1,500 sexual minorities reside in the Mysuru district, but only 223 have enrolled in the voter list, according to recent data. In the previous elections, only a few sexual minorities were registered in the electoral rolls.

Special drive

Taking note of this, the District Administration launched a special voter enrolment drive from March 29 to April 12. However, the drive saw only 10 sexual minorities, including two each from Chamaraja, Chamundeshwari and Krishnaraja Constituencies, and three from Narasimharaja and one from Varuna segment getting enrolled. Unfortunately, more than 1,200 sexual minorities did not enrol during the drive. With such a low voter enrolment, the entire exercise seems futile.

Out of the 11 Constituencies in the district, Narasimharaja has the highest number of transgender voters while Nanjangud has the lowest. According to the latest electoral rolls, there are 49 transgender voters in Narasimharaja, 33 in Chamundeshwari, 31 in Chamaraja, 27 in Krishnaraja, 19 in K.R. Nagar, 14 in T. Narasipur, 13 in Varuna, 13 in Hunsur, 11 in H.D. Kote, 7 in Periyapatna and only 6 in Nanjangud.

Why low turnout?

One reason for the disinterest and low turnout of sexual minorities in elections is that they are spread across different areas and do not form a significant vote bank in any one Constituency.

According to an activist, "There is ignorance for sure. Also, because the community is not concentrated in one place, they are spread out in different areas. As a result, they may not add up to a substantial number in any one Constituency." This makes it difficult for political parties to prioritise and mobilise them as a distinct voting bloc. With the exception of a few parties giving tickets to a candidate from sexual minority community, there has been little effort to make a candidate from sexual minority community the face of a party's election campaign. As a result, there is a trust deficit between political parties and transgender voters.

Neglect & discrimination

Pranati Prakash, head of Seven Rainbow Organisation (an organisation for sexual minority communities in the city), told *SOM* that her organisation has been continuously working to ensure that all eligible members of the community are enrolled in the electoral rolls. Noting that a survey indicated that there are more than 1,500 sexual minorities in the district, she explained that there are three subcategories of the community and that all of them have been sensitised to the importance of voter enrolment.

Pranati Prakash also expressed regret at the neglect and discrimination the transgender community faces, which has led to a lack of interest in engaging with society and participating in voter registration. Nevertheless, her organisation will be launching programmes to instil confidence among sexual minorities and encourage them to participate in the democratic process, she added.

It is important to note that members of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) community are making significant contributions in various fields. Therefore, they should look up to these achievers as role models and integrate into mainstream society without any hesitation or inferiority complex, according to social activist K.R. Sowmya.

A file photo of sexual minorities with DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra and ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri during distribution of voter ID cards.

She emphasised the importance of exercising the right to vote, which is a Constitutional right guaranteed by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. She expressed her disappointment that, despite the District Administration's best efforts, the transgender community's voter registration fell short of the target. Sowmya also encouraged the 223 community members in the district who have already enrolled to vote in the May 10 elections as a display of their responsibility and duty in the democratic setup. She added that the LGBT community members should not feel inferior and should take inspiration from the achievers in various fields to come to the mainstream society without any hesitation.

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Dakshin: South Indian Myths and Fables Retold

By C.P. Belliappa

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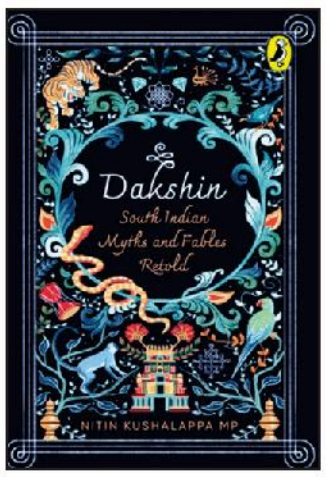

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Reading the compendium of fifteen South Indian fables retold by Mookonda Nitin Kushalappa will transport the reader to a wonderous world of fairy tales full of angels, demigods, kings, queens, talking animals, birds, insects and the ubiquitous villains.

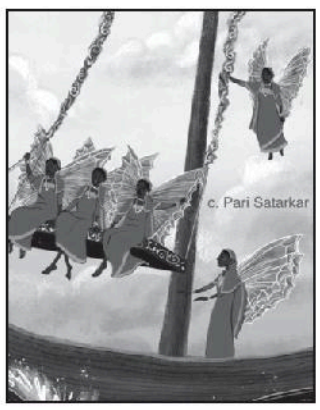
Nitin has carefully selected the stories from popular folklore with their origins in Southern India. He has given the book the title - *Dakshin* - which is most appropriate. These fables are several centuries old and have been passed from generation to generation by grandparents, parents, and the professional story-tellers of yore. I am sure, every time a story is narrated it would have undergone some changes, additions and further fantasy added on. In retelling these stories, Nitin has given them a new flavour with his distinctive writing style.

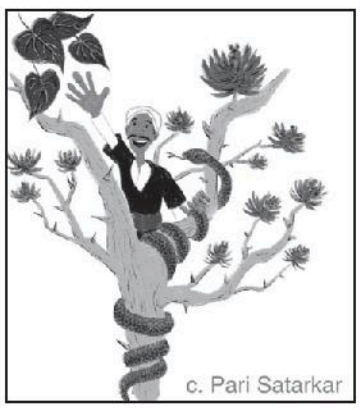
Each of the stories takes the reader on a whirlwind of fantasy. As the story builds up you get drawn into phantasmagoria of the fable. By the time the story peaks the reader is drawn into the vortex of the tale wondering what comes next. Every story invariably has an unexpected ending. And every story has a moral. The book is targeted at children nine years and older. It's a collection that can be enjoyed by young adults, adults, and senior citizens as well.

The book is richly illustrated by Pari Satarkar. There are four stories from Nadikerianda Chinnappa's *Pattole Palame*, enhanced with the protagonists in Kodava attire, that will warm the hearts of Kodavas.

I was very happy to read the inclusion of the story of Punyakoti which I am sure will bring childhood memories to those of my generation. My mother used to sing this ballad to us when we were young.

Dakshin, published by Puffin Books (Penguin Random House), has already topped the charts on several platforms. There are rave reviews of the book by the young and old. The book is on its way to becoming a classic. Hearty congratulations to Nitin. I am sure he has many more tales to tell.





Silicon Journalism Award

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (SSM) - Rotary Mysore Midtown will be presenting Silicon Journalism Award 2022-23 for two journalists at Rotary Centre on JLB Road tomorrow (Apr. 19) at 6.30 pm.

K.P. Nagaraj, Bureau Chief, *Public TV*, Mysuru and S. Udaya Shankar, Principal Photo-Journalist of *The New Indian Express*, Mysuru, will be presented with the award for the Excellence in Journalism.

Nagaraj Udaya

Rotary Mysore Midtown District Governor Elect Rtn. H.R. Keshav will be the chief guest.

GSSSIETW wins Hackathon

The prize-winners are seen with GSSS Honorary Secretary Vanaja B. Pandit, Member and CEO R.K. Bharath and Administrative Officer Anupama B. Pandit, Principal Dr. M. Shivakumar and Head of ECE Dept. Dr. Rajendra R. Patil.

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Intel India STEM Skills Programme for Women through Learning Links Foundation, Bengaluru, conducted a 'VLSI course' for three weeks. Thousands of students from various Engineering Colleges across Karnataka participated in the programme.

Students from GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, also actively took part in the programme with Dr. S.J. Sushma, Associated Professor, ECE Department, as their Faculty Co-ordinator.

A team from Intel Education delivered courses on implementation of analog and digital circuits using Quartus Software. As part of this programme, each team had to submit a project which was later shortlisted for presentations.

Totally 62 shortlisted projects in VLSI domain were presented online on Mar. 8 and was judged by experts from Intel. Three teams from GSSSIETW were among the Top 6 teams selected for the final round. Mentors from Intel were allotted to them, to work on Communication Protocols.

The final round of Hackathon was held at Fern Residency, Bengaluru, on Mar. 15. The teams implemented various applications based on communication protocols like I2C, UART, PCI and presented the use cases to the panel.

K.L. Chandana and **P. Dakshitha** of 3rd Semester Electronics and Communication Engineering, GSSSIETW, jointly mentored by **Dr. C. Shyamala,** Associate Professor, ECE Department, GSSSIETW and **R. Padma,** Assistant Professor, ECE Department, GSSSIETW, bagged second prize for the implementation of UART protocol using Verilog and were awarded with prize money of Rs. 8,000.

The other two teams from GSSSIETW, comprising **M.J. Bindhushree** and **Apoorva N. Lokare,** guided by R. Padma, Assistant Professor, **B.E. Ramya and S. Rakshitha,** mentored by **H.D. Nalina,** Assistant Professor, ECE Department, bagged consolation prize with a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 each.

Rotaract Club of MITM installed

Mysuru, Apr. 18- The inauguration and Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Maharaja Institute of Technology Mysore (MITM) was held at the Seminar Hall, DOMS, MITM. It was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mysore South East (RMSE).

To start this Rotaract Club of MITM, Dr. S. Murali, President, Maharaja Education Trust / Head, Department of MBA, has supported and encouraged the students and staff.

The MBA 1st semester students were selected for Board of Directors, were honoured with badges and oath was administered. Also, all MBA students and staff took oath as Members of the Club.

The following are the office-bearers of Rotaract Club of MITM: Rtr. Safa Fathima - President, Rtr. K.G. Suhas - Secretary, Rtr. Ganashrutha - Vice-President, Rtr. M.S. Bharath - Joint Secretary, Rtr. G. Vinay - Club Service Director, Rtr. M. Bhavana - Treasurer, Rtr. B.J. Ramitha Suvarna - Finance Chair, Rtr. K.M. Nagalingaswamy - Foundation Chairman, Rtr. Chandana Sathish - Project Head, Rtr. H.E. Ujwal - Sergeant-At-Arms, Rtr. H.E. Prajwal - Vocational Service, Rtr. Agamya Ruben - International Service, Rtr. H.C. Ruthvik - Project Coordinator, Rtr. M.A. Sinan - Project Coordinator, Rtr. G.M. Manjunath - Youth Coordinator and Rtr. M. Darshan - Editor.

In the inaugural address, Installing Officer Rtn. PHF Mohan, President, Rotary Mysore South East, said Rotaract Club is bringing together people aged 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community and develop leadership and professional skills. This helps young minds to enhance their competencies by involving themselves in service activities.

Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, Principal, MITM, was the chief guest. DRR Rtr. R.K. Nikhil launched the logo of Rotaract Club of MITM. RMSE Secretary Rtn. PHF Muralidhar, District Rotaract Treasurer Rtr. Jaswindar, RMSE President Rtr. Mahesh and Staff Co-ordinator Assistant Professor Dr. Shivkumar were present. Rtn. Raj Bhat, Youth Service Director, Rotary Mysore South East, was the Master of Ceremony. Rtr. M. Bhavana, 1st year MBA student, rendered the invocation.

They succeed in spite of being visually challenged

Alumnus of Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled (RMSD) makes it to Indian women's cricket team

Mysuru, Apr. 18- As women's cricket is picking up pace with the first season of Women's Premier League (WPL) held this year, budding players can now hope to get their due with more opportunities to showcase their talent.

With growing popularity of the game among women, the first ever Indian women's cricket team for the blind is all set to play the upcoming T20 Bilateral Series for the Blind to be held at Nepal starting from April 23.

The 17-member squad includes an alumnus from the Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled (RMSD), Mysuru — **T.C. Deepika.**

Daughter of Chikkathimmappa, a farmer and Chithamma, a housewife, from Karithimmannahalli, Doddaballagere post, Gullikutte hobli, Sira taluk, Tumakuru, Deepika, who studied from 1 to 7th standard at Karnataka Navachethana Residential School for the Blind, Tumakuru, joined RMSD to study from 8th to 10th standard and completed her SSLC in 2017-18.

Deepika played her first cricket match representing RMSD in 2018 at MUDA Sports Complex in Vijayanagar. It was a friendly match between JSB School, Ramanagar and RMSD girls teams.

Deepika had emerged as the Best All-Rounder taking 5 wickets and 26 runs in the match.

Deepika, a BA final year student at Vijayanagar 1st Grade College in Bengaluru, is now attending the Indian camp at New Delhi.

T.C. Deepika

Two students of RMSD clear UGC NET

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Two students from Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled (RMSD), Mysuru — **G. Sahana** and **S. Anagha** — have done their institution and city proud by clearing their UGC NET in English Literature and Kannada Literature.

S. Anagha

Sahana, daughter of N. Gundanna and G. Gowramma couple, started her schooling at RMSD in the year 2008 when she was in 3rd std. After completing SSLC in April 2016 with 91.86%, Sahana moved to pursue PU education at Marimallappa's Pre-University College in Mysuru and cleared PU examination with 90.2% in 2018.

Later, by joining Maharaja's College she completed her Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Journalism & Mass Communication and optional English (PJE).

Currently, Sahana is pursuing Master's degree in English from the University of Mysore. She has an ambition to work in the Government sector in administrative roles, as she believes it would be a great opportunity to serve the public and contribute to society. In the long run, Sahana aspires to work as an Assistant Professor, as it is her passion to teach and work with students.

Anagha is the daughter of K. Sathish and K.N. Pushpalatha. She joined RMSD for 1st std. in 2003 and completed SSLC in 2015 with 88% marks. Then she pursued her HEGP at Marimallappa PU College and passed with 68%. She completed her Bachelor's degree in HSK at Maharani's Arts College and is currently pursuing Master's degree in Kannada from the University of Mysore, and is currently in 3rd semester.

Anagha aspires to become a Kannada Professor and would like to pursue a Ph.D in the same field. Additionally, she is doing Vidwat in Music (vocal) under the guidance of Vidushi Meera Manjunath and Vidushi Sukanya Prabhakar.

About RMSD

Started in 1988, Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled is a free residential school for visually challenged girls. The school operates under "Child-centric project" and is supported by the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Government of Karnataka.

What started with two students is now a huge residential school that is changing the lives of hundreds of visually impaired girls. It not only provides quality education, but also helps in holistic development and prepares students to live a life with dignity outside the School.

Extra-curricular activities like dance, yoga workshops, bird watching, singing competition, vocational training etc. are a part and parcel of life at RMSD. The school follows the State syllabus learning through Braille system taught by highly qualified teachers and imparts technology upgradation basic & computer skills. It also provides parent counselling and organises house-to-house visits to bring about awareness on the importance of educating and opportunities to visually impaired girls. Also, the all-round excellent performance of the students is a proof to the dedication and high-quality service rendered by the teachers and staff of RMSD.

New office-bearers of Mysore Pinjrapole Society

Mysuru, Apr. 18- The following were unanimously elected as office-bearers and Committee Members of Mysore Pinjrapole Society for the year 2023-25: Sumathilal Pagariya as President, Vinod Khabiya as Secretary and Ashok Kumar Dhoka as Treasurer. Pyarelal Bhandari, Vinod Bhakliwal, Anand Raj Patwa, Manakchand Jain, Sushil Choradia, Surendar Chouhan, Bhikamchand Bafna, Dilip Kumar, Ramesh Jain,

Sumathilal Pagariya, Vinod Khabiya and Ashok Kumar Dhoka

Madanlal Maru, Mahaveer Mutha, Mahendra Lodha, D. Puranmal Lodha, Modaram Purohit, Bagdharam Kumawat, Vimal Mutha, Rajesh Lalwani and Suman Bafna as Committees Members.

Bannur K. Raju's 60th birthday

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (SSM) -The Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) and Mysuru Kannada Vedike, Mysuru, have jointly organised a programme to felicitate writer and columnist Bannur K. Raju on his 60th birthday celebrations at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road here tomorrow (Apr. 19) at 11.30 am.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji will grace the occasion. Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. K. Mahadev will inaugurate the programme.

Bannur K. Raju

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) will preside. Littérateur D.N. Krishnamurthy, retired Principal and littérateur Kadnuru Shivegowda and Mysuru Kannada Vedike President S. Balakrishna will be the chief guests.

Artiste and writer Dr. Jamunarani Mirle, singer Revanna, Nalabeedi Ravi of Mysuru Kannada Vedike, Hiranmayi Pratishtana - Mysuru President A. Sangappa, Kaveri Balaga President N.K. Kaveriyamma and retired Engineer Manuganahalli S. Govindegowda will be the special invitees, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Hypnopompic

Pronunciation: hip-nuh-pom-pik.
Meaning: Of or relating to the semiconscious state prior to complete wakefulness.
Origin: Hypnopompic comes from two Ancient Greek terms: hýpnos, meaning "sleep," and pomp, meaning "a sending away." Hýpnos is the name of the Greek god of sleep and is the source of the word hypnopedia, while pomp is the source of pompous. Hypnopompic was first recorded in English at the turn of the 20th century.
Example: In her hypnopompic state, all but the final moments of her dream quickly faded from memory.

THE ODD WORD

Handsel

Inaugural gift; first installment or payment.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hanky-panky

Meaning: Trickery - double dealing. Also, more recently, sexual shenanigans.
Origin: This is one of those nonsense terms that was just made up as having an attractive alliteration or rhyme, like 'the bee's knees', 'the mutt's nuts' etc. The words themselves have no inherent meaning, although it is possible that 'hanky-panky' derives as a variant of 'hoky-poky' or 'hocus-pocus'. The term is first recorded, in relation to its original 'trickery' meaning, in the first edition of 'Punch, or the London Charivari', Vol 1, September 1841: "Only a little hanky-panky, my lud. The people likes it; they loves to be cheated before their faces. One, two, three - presto - begone. I'll show your ludship as pretty a trick of putting a piece of money in your eye and taking it out of your elbow, as you ever beheld." The second meaning, which one can't do any better for a definition than to repeat the OED's listing "Sexual activity or dalliance, especially of a surreptitious nature" has been with us since the middle of the 20th century, as here from George Bernard Shaw's play Geneva, 1939:
She: No hanky panky. I am respectable; and I mean to keep respectable.
He: I pledge you my word that my intentions are completely honorable.

QUOTE BOX

The strong forgive after speaking out.— **Steven Magee**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Milkshake.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Wise old bird?
4 Little devils!
8 Seminary deg.
11 Abu Dhabi locale
12 Roman market-place
14 Ireland's ___ Lingus
15 Believer: suffix
16 One of Tolkien's hobbits
17 London, Midland and Scottish
18 Scottish island
20 Invitation words, briefly
22 Kind of gin
24 Body decoration
26 Garden pest
27 Wanderer
28 Eastern daylight-saving time, abbr.
29 Giver
30 Numerical prefix
33 Financial resources
34 Arab sailing boat
35 American Indian tribe
37 Triad or threesome
38 Political alliance
39 Roman emperor - "hoot" anagram?
41 The cry of sheep
42 Spanish friend
45 Large vase
48 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
49 Nostrils
50 Go about idly or in search of pleasure
51 Not elsewhere specified, abbr.
52 Maui guitars
53 High Power Amplifier

DOWN
1 Alsace assent
2 Existed
3 Divulges; makes known ? (4,3)
4 Dubious
5 Wicket-keeper Kiran ___
6 Short for 'professional'
7 Soapy water or soap bubble, usually used in plural form
8 Artillery volley
9 Musical speed
10 Married woman sometimes
13 Brick binder!
19 Beer barrel
21 Standard in short?
22 Opp. direction to NNW
23 Attorney's deg.
24 Metric weight
25 Biblical prophet
27 Biblical skipper
29 Plateau in South Central India?
30 Because of
31 French king
32 City in Nigeria
33 China's ex-Chairman
34 Cable TV alternative
35 Lighten or diminish
36 Blueprints or maps
39 Curved moulding
40 Throw in the air
41 Prohibit
43 Modular Avionics Unit
44 Bother
46 Hit sharply
47 BJP and their allies?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	B	B			S	S	R		R	A	P	T
L	E	A			E	T	A		E	X	I	T
K	A	S	P	A	R	O	V		A	L	E	S
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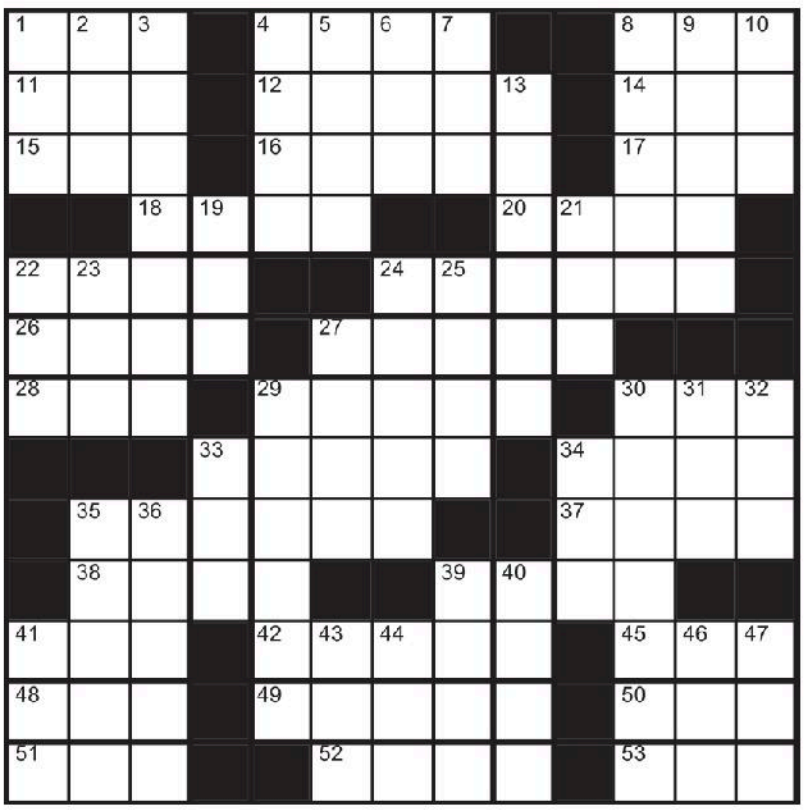

SUDOKU

4	1			2	8			
	5			9				
6			3			9		
		8			5			2
	4						1	
7			9			8		
		2			3			6
				7			8	
			2	4			9	1

Answer to previous puzzle

2	1	4	7	6	9	5	3	8
3	9	8	4	5	1	7	2	6
5	6	7	2	8	3	4	9	1
1	3	9	6	2	4	8	7	5
6	4	5	9	7	8	2	1	3
7	8	2	3	1	5	6	4	9
4	2	3	8	9	6	1	5	7
9	5	6	1	4	7	3	8	2
8	7	1	5	3	2	9	6	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UY UO XVKUOR YN JR YNN OXAR NI NVR'O NKV KUOENW.

UY UO ZRTBYZL YN JR ARWUVERE YZTY YZR OYANVCROY

WUCZY KRTPRV TVE YZR KUOROY WUCZY RAA.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When you have a number of disagreeable duties to perform, always do the most disagreeable first.

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Mariguddada Gaddadharigalu (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am
Undenaama (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm, 10.00 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Rudhran (Ta)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Madanolsavam (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Shaakuntalam (Te-3D)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.50 pm

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Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.00 pm 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm
Shaakuntalam (Te)	:	10.45 am, 1.40 pm 4.35 pm, 7.15 pm
Undenaama (K)	:	10.45 am, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Suraari (K)	:	1.30 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	1.35 pm, 4.30 pm

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The Pope's Exorcist (E)	:	9.50 am, 7.55 pm
Rudhran (Ta)	:	10.30 am, 4.45 pm, 10.05 pm
Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	:	10.35 am, 2.05 pm 7.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Super Mario Bros. movie (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 4.10 pm
Shaakuntalam (Te)	:	11.00 am, 1.05 pm, 4.45 pm 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Renfield (E)	:	11.15 am, 2.20 pm, 7.45 pm
Suraari (K)	:	12.15 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	1.15 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.55 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	1.40 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4	:	3.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Mariguddada Gaddadharigalu (K)	:	4.40 pm
Madanolsavam (Ma)	:	6.40 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Pookkaalam (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

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Rudhran (Ta)	:	12.20 pm, 6.20 pm
Suraari (K)	:	12.30 pm
Shaakuntalam (Te-3D)	:	12.45 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	:	1.45 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Undenaama (K)	:	3.25 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
The Pope's Exorcist (E)	:	6.35 pm
Corona Papers (Ma)	:	9.00 pm

Mysuru girls bag National-level Bronze in Acrobatics Gymnastics

The medal-winning girls — P. Annapoorani, A.Y. Shivani and S. Srushti — are seen with their coach Vidwath Sundararaju.

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Mysuru girls bagged National-level Bronze Medal in Acrobatics Gymnastics (women's trio) at the Senior and Junior Acrobatics Gymnastics National Championship 2022-23 held at Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Sonipat, Harayana, from Mar. 27 to 29. They are:

A.Y. Shivani, a 9th standard student of Pramati Hillview Academy and the daughter of Yogesh and Yashodha.

S. Srushti, a 8th standard student of Royal Concord International School and the daughter of Santosh and Pavithra.

P. Annapoorani, a 10th standard student of Baden Powell Public School and the daughter of Pandi and Shanthi.

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 19)

- **WISE (Women In Small Enterprises), the women's wing of MCCI (Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry):** Exhibition of products and articles made by women, Jayamma Govindegowda Choultry, Udayaravi Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am and 8.30 pm.** [Ph: 0821-4250246 or Mob: 98804-98129]
- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) and Mysuru Kannada Vedike, Mysuru:** Felicitation to Bannur K. Raju on his 60th birthday celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji will grace the occasion, Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. K. Mahadev inaugurates, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar presides, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **11.30 am.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	(S-2)	11.50 am, 2.30 pm, 5.10 pm 7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Shaakuntalam (Te-3D)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 12.50 pm 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 4.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Undenaama (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 6.50 pm
Rudhran (Ta)	(S-4)	12.25 pm, 6.55 pm
Shaakuntalam (Te)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Pookkaalam (Ma)	(S-4)	10.00 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Trailer Screen in Schedule	(S-4)	11.30 am

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	(S-2)	11 am, 1.40 pm, 4.20, 7 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Shaakuntalam (Te-3D)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 4.20 pm 7.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Rudran (Ta)	(S-4)	10.40 am; (S-1) 3.50 pm
Undenaama (K)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 7.50 pm
Shaakuntalam (Te)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Maariguddada Gaddadharigalu (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Madanolsavam (Ma)	(S-4)	7.25 pm
Corona Papers (Ma)	(S-4)	10.10 pm
Trailer Schedule	(S-1)	6.55 pm
Praveena (K)	(S-4)	4.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

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TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 18)

SRH Vs **MI**
7.30 pm
Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 19)

RR Vs **LSG**
7.30 pm
Sawai Mansingh Cricket Stadium, Jaipur

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

CSK - 226 / 6 (20)
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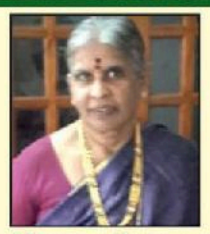

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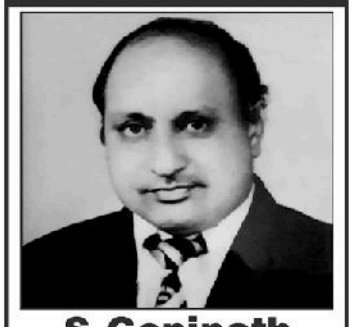

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